

Condensed Novel Series—One A Day

Twenty Years After

By ALEXANDRE DUMAS.
(Condensation by Rev. Perry Bush, D. D.)

For us with red blood in our veins, the interest in chivalry, valor and adventure, and Dumas is a master in his delineation of soldiers of fortune—their fatal marksmanship, their matchless wielding of sword and rapier, and their hairbreadth escapes.

In "Twenty Years After" he presents his "Three Musketeers" some what more matured and not as relying as when we met them in their early manhood, but just as ready to champion the needy and unfortunate. Louis XIII of France is dead. His son, the king, is but 10 years of age. The mighty Richelieu is in his grave. Mazarin is cardinal, and though but a ghost of his illustrious predecessor, he holds almost absolute control over the government of France.

The conditions are auspicious for a story of personal daring and bloody encounters.

Mazarin is an Italian and is universally hated. Paris is leagued against the ministry, and the soldiers of the royal guard are attacked and their "lieutenant"—Cromwell—is wounded. Everywhere there are forebodings and cries of "Down with Mazarin!" The cardinal disguises himself and inspects the city. He finds the "Providence"—the insurance

company—in full swing. Somehow he must secure twenty servants or down-fall awaits him. D'Artagnan, the lieutenant of the musketeers, is recommended, together with his three sturdy colleagues. Count de Rochefort is brought from confinement in the Bastille to testify to D'Artagnan's allegiance, and is freed by the royal service. Aramis—Abbe d'Armeny—is an ecclesiastic in love with madame de Longueville. He hates the cardinal and refuses.

Further—the giant—living in luxury as minister of the Valon de Brague, de Brague, desires above all else to be a Baron. He enlists.

Athos—Monsieur de la Fere—reformed from drink and devoted to a young ward—Viscount de Bragelonne—is still, as of old, a noble-minded lover of the people, and will not serve the cardinal.

Two far, and two against Mazarin, therefore, the musketeers make their way to Paris, where there is great excitement because of a prophecy that Louis de Beaufort—the grandson of Henry IV and the last of the powerful—will escape from the dungeon of Vincennes before Whitechapel. Beaufort has Mazarin and uses ingenious

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One man could hardly have written the extraordinary number of books that are credited to Alexandre Dumas. The fact was easily brought up in the novelists' lifetime, some hostile critics pointing to an output of 10 volumes in a single year and asking how this could be justified. Dumas did employ a host of collaborators and the possibility for the writer was not a small one.

On one occasion an assistant publisher-servant to Dumas had found a mistake in proofing in one of the books. "Which one?" asked Dumas. The writer gave the title. "Oh, the Devil!" cried the servant. "I have not read it. Let me see, who did that for me?" It was the usual excuse. "I'll be back for that."

The truth about "Dumas and Company" is involved and difficult to reach. There are people bearing his name that the great publisher would have little to do with. His name was not a great one. Mazarin, without Dumas, would hardly be remembered today, while Dumas without Mazarin would still be famous. Almost always when he worked with Mazarin, Dumas would suggest the subject for a story. Then he would draw up an outline and put down chapter headings and divisions. Mazarin would then fill in the outline and afterwards Dumas would write the whole story, usually adding and altering a tremendous amount of information. The picture that was lacking. It was Mazarin who worked with Dumas upon "The Three Musketeers" and his sequels.

means of ridiculing him. Cromwell, a servant of Athos, is set to guard him, and he, with count de Rochefort, effect his escape; and D'Artagnan and Portos, seeking to recapture him, have an encounter in which they are taken prisoner by Athos and Aramis, but are set free and the four pledge mutual friendship. Meanwhile the preparations for insurrection are intensified and a new ally of the popular cause is found in Athos, the "queen's inviolable" who is in control of the meditations of Paris and whose pension has been cut off by Mazarin. Another important character is also introduced at this juncture—a wounded soldier calls for a priest and he who responds is introduced to the monk Mordant, a desperate character whose sole aim is to avenge the death of his mother, in which he is aided by the four musketeers. Learning from the man to whom his mother's death had been the cause of Mordant's escape, he is introduced to the duke of Buckingham, who is in the heart and then makes his escape.

At this time Lord de Winter—uncle of Mordant—comes with a letter from Charles I. of England, to queen Henrietta, who is an exile in France, telling of the desperate straits in which he is placed by the troops of Oliver Cromwell and directed by Mordant to grant him asylum. Henrietta goes to plead with Cromwell, who is an enemy of Cromwell, bearing from the Puritan leader the queen's petition, and the queen's plea is accepted. Mordant, who is an enemy of Cromwell, is introduced to the duke of Buckingham, who is in the heart and then makes his escape.

The queen's petition is accordingly refused and she is in great despair. Lord de Winter tells her there are four men who might be able to save her husband. Of the four Athos and Aramis are recommended to make the venture and they leave for Boulogne secretly, followed and aided upon by Mordant. Leaving D'Artagnan and Portos in the service of Mazarin.

But affairs grow worse in Paris. The Archbishop of the city is ridiculed at court when he warns the queen not to provoke civil war, and though the cardinal tries to assuage his anger by a gift of gold, he goes forth as a leader of the Fronde and instructs his intimates to desert. Count de Rochefort commands a detachment of soldiers and Athos, the leader of the Fronde, is introduced to the duke of Buckingham, who is in the heart and then makes his escape.

Every Frondeur wears a crown in his hat. Everywhere there are cries of "Down with Mazarin!"—Long live Cromwell! But the government in all parts of the city and the tumult swells to a revolution. The mob presses forward to the very gates of the royal palace, demanding the release of the prisoners.

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The Old Family Album

By G. A. MARTIN.

W. R. SHUTES, AGED 25.
A Pair of Boys Who Had A Reputation That Put Them In A Class by Themselves.

WILLIAM R. SHUTES, shown in the accompanying pictures at two periods in his past life, when he was considerably younger than he is today, has been here quite awhile.

"Billie" Shutes, the place man—why does Billie about the place man when he could shoot a trombone player? Richard Carlo asked when he was last in El Paso—Is a native El Pasoan. He landed squarely in the center of El Paso 25 years ago, and has remained upon the grazing of the Blue Grande valley ever since. He is a graduate of the El Paso High School (then the present El Paso High School).

Following this event Billie immediately started with the El Paso Place Company, as William R. Shutes, proprietor, as window washer, collector and mover, at \$10 per month. In 1901 he became a partner and in 1904 the sole owner. Quite some progress even for a progressive El Pasoan.

Standing for "principle" with the "one person" as a "shut-out" (which is the business has grown to a new roll of 12, and total sales of over \$100,000 a year.

Of Billie's boyhood sports was shooting birds with a nigger shooter and rabbits with an air gun among the musketeers where now stand the Reynolds building, the city hall, the Bank building and the city hall. Willie in his childhood days one would not dare go beyond the place man's house called the "Honey School" on the corner of Montana and Virginia streets, without a rifle. Indiana used to go to the place man's house on the top of the mesa, now known as the "Honey School" on the corner of Montana and Virginia streets, without a rifle. Indiana used to go to the place man's house on the top of the mesa, now known as the "Honey School" on the corner of Montana and Virginia streets, without a rifle.

In 1901 Will joined C. F. Feltman's El Paso High School, as a high school private in the rear ranks. In 1903 he became a second corporal. In 1905 a second lieutenant.

He started in the first grade in school with Edgar Kayser, now vice president of the First National Bank, and of course, Kayser, who has been imprisoned. "Never" cries the queen, but the gates are stormed and the yield is secured in a tactical victory.

Affairs are now serious that the queen receives a message from Mordant, who is a leader of the Fronde, and they flee to London, disguise themselves and attend the trial and execution of the king. The Fronde is crushed and Mordant is killed. But he is not dead yet.

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Dalhart, Texas, Oct. 11.—A deal was consummated today whereby the controlling interest formerly owned by A. M. James in the Midway Bank and Trust company, of Dalhart, was acquired by H. M. Cook, active financier early today from heart disease.

NEW YORK BANKER DIES
New York, N. Y., Oct. 11.—James K. Wallace, president of the Central and Trust company, of Dalhart, was found dead in his room at the Hotel New York today.

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Dalhart, Texas, Oct. 11.—The third day roundup opened here at 3 p. m. yesterday with a rapid breaking attendance, despite cold and threatening weather. Prominent cowboys, alert riders and bulldozers throughout the crowd. The prize money was \$100. Dan Miller, of the show, with a special exhibition, riding "Hollywood" (a dark bay), won first prize money of \$25. The prize money was \$100. Dan Miller, of the show, with a special exhibition, riding "Hollywood" (a dark bay), won first prize money of \$25.

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